

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention provides a process for producing a water-absorbent resin of which the residual monomer content and the extractable content are low. The process for producing a water-absorbent resin comprises the step of polymerizing at least one monomer component including acrylic acid and/or its salt as major components to produce a water-absorbent resin that is a neutralized salt, and this process is characterized in that the acrylic acid is a product obtained by catalytic gas phase oxidation of propylene and/or propane and has a protoanemonin content of not more than 10 ppm, and in that the resultant water-absorbent resin has a neutralization ratio of not less than 50 mol %.